

SENATE BILL 2753

By Cohen

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10 and Title 3, Chapter 6, and to amend Chapter ___ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001 / SB 7001) to enact the "Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2006".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2006".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() "Small donor political campaign committee" means a political campaign committee to support or oppose two (2) or more candidates for public office or two (2) or more measures, composed of five hundred (500) or more contributors, and having no one person contributing more than one percent (1%) of the aggregate contribution total nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in each calendar year;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and by substituting instead the following language:

(b)

(1) No multicandidate political campaign committee other than a small donor political campaign committee shall make contributions to any candidate with respect to any election which, in the aggregate, exceed:

(A) For an office elected by statewide election or the senate, one thousand dollars (\$1,000); and

(B) For any other state or local public office, one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(2) No small donor multicandidate political campaign committee shall make contributions to any candidate with respect to any election which, in the aggregate, exceed:

(A) For an office elected by statewide election, seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500);

(B) For the senate, five thousand dollars (\$5,000); and

(C) For any other state or local public office, three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500).

SECTION 4. Chapter __ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001 / SB 7001) is amended by adding the following language at the end of Section 35, § 3-6-304(j):

No lobbyist shall offer or make any campaign contribution to any political campaign committees controlled by a caucus established by members of either house of the general assembly.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 2-10-3___. No multicandidate political campaign committee shall contribute more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per election to a political campaign committee controlled by a caucus of a political party established by members of either house of the general assembly. No multicandidate political campaign committee shall contribute more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per election to a political campaign committee controlled by a political party on the state or local level.

SECTION 6. Chapter __ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001/ SB 7001), is amended by deleting the following language from Section 17, § 2-10-310(a)(1) “from the convening of the general assembly in organizational session” and substituting instead the language “from

January 1”; it is further amended by deleting the language from Section 2-10-310(a) “from the convening of the general assembly in regular session” and substituting instead the language “from January 1”.

SECTION 7. Chapter ___ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001/ SB 7001), is amended by deleting the language from Section 18, § 2-10-310(b) “From the convening of the general assembly in organizational session” and substituting instead the language “From January 1”; it is further amended by deleting the language from Section 2-10-310(b) “from the convening of the general assembly in regular session” and substituting instead the language “from January 1”.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.